



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Steven M. Bowman et al.

Application No: 09/747,488

Filing Date: December 21, 2000

Entitled: **REINFORCED FOAM IMPLANTS WITH
ENHANCED INTEGRITY FOR SOFT
TISSUE REPAIR AND REGENERATION**

Atty. Docket No: 22956-67

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: L. Di Nola Baron

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William C. Geary III, Reg. No: 31,359

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Dear Sir:

DePuy Mitek, Inc. states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application No. 09/747,488, filed on December 21, 2000 for "Reinforced Foam Implants With Enhanced Integrity For Soft Tissue Repair And Regeneration," and in U.S. Patent No. 6,599,323, by virtue of the following, copies of which are attached hereto:

- (1) an Assignment of Application No. 09/747,488 dated April 9 and May 5, 2001 and recorded at Reel 011859, Frame 0549 from all inventors to Ethicon, Inc.;
- (2) an Assignment of Application No. 09/747,489 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,599,323) dated April 10 and 20, 2001 and recorded at Reel 011778, Frame 0360 from all inventors to Ethicon, Inc.; and
- (3) an Assignment and Assumption from Ethicon, Inc. to DePuy Mitek, Inc.

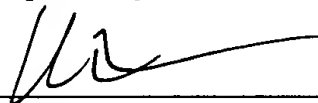
The owner, DePuy Mitek, Inc., hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of United States Patent No. 6,599,323, and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be

the same as the legal title to United States Patent No. 6,599,323, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

The owner does not disclaim any terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application prior to the expiration date of the full statutory term of United States Patent No. 6,599,323, in the event that the patent later lapses for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(a), has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, or is otherwise terminated prior to the expiration of its statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, except for the separation of legal title stated above.

The undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents pertaining to the rights of owner to file this disclaimer and certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, title to the above-identified application is in the owner. The undersigned, as an attorney of record for the owner, is authorized to execute this document on behalf of the owner.

Respectfully submitted,

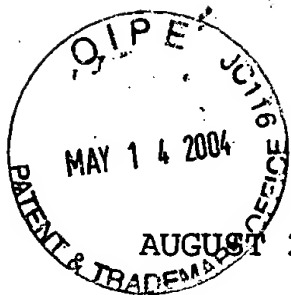


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Dated: May 12, 2004

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BRIEF: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNOR'S INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).

ASSIGNOR:

MELICAN, MORA C.

DOC DATE: 04/10/2001

ASSIGNOR:

LI, YUFU

DOC DATE: 04/10/2001

ASSIGNOR:

BROWN, KELLY R.

DOC DATE: 04/10/2001

ASSIGNOR:

CHUN, IKSOO

DOC DATE: 04/10/2001

ASSIGNOR:

MCALLEN, JOHN, III

DOC DATE: 04/20/2001

ASSIGNOR:

REZANIA, ALIREZA

DOC DATE: 04/10/2001

ASSIGNOR:

SCOPELIANOS, ANGELO G.

DOC DATE: 04/10/2001

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ASSIGNOR:

VYAKARNAM, MURTY N.

DOC DATE: 04/10/2001

ASSIGNEE:

ETHICON, INC.

U.S. ROUTE #22

SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY 08876

SERIAL NUMBER: 09747489

FILING DATE: 12/21/2000

PATENT NUMBER:

ISSUE DATE:

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To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or a copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

- A. Mora C. Melican
- B. Yufu Li
- C. Kelly R. Brown
- D. Iksoo Chun
- E. John McAllen III
- F. Alireza Rezania
- G. Angelo G. Scopelianos
- H. Murty N. Vyakarnam

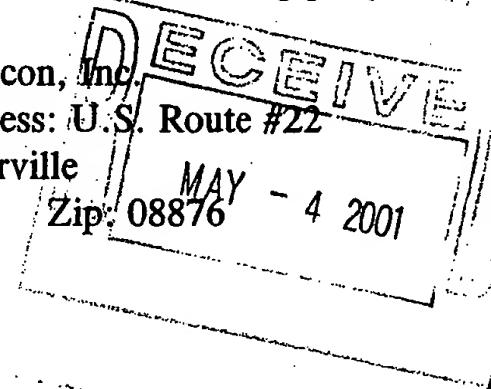
Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?

☐ Yes

☒ No 5-4-01

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Ethicon, Inc.
 Street Address: U.S. Route #22
 City: Somerville
 State: NJ
 Zip: 08876



Additional name(s) & address(es) attached?

☐ Yes

☒ No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- ☒ Assignment ☐ Security Agreement
- ☐ Merger ☐ Change of Name
- ☐ Other:

Execution Date: A-D and F-H executed April 10, 2001;
 E: executed April 20, 2001

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): (If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:

A. Patent Application No(s): 09/747,489

B. Patent No(s):

Additional numbers attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Atty. Name: William C. Geary III
 Firm Name: Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP
 Street Address: One International Place
 City/State: Boston, MA
 Zip Code: 02110-2699

6. Total number of applications and patents involved? 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): 40.00

- ☒ Fee Enclosed
- ☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 141449
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William C. Geary III
 Name of Attorney/Agent

Signature

Date

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A S S I G N M E N T

Whereas we, the undersigned, Mora C. Melican, Yufu Li, Kelly R. Brown, Iksoo Chun, John McAllen III, Alireza Rezania, Angelo G. Scopelianos, and Murty N. Vyakarnam, hereby have made certain inventions or discoveries (or both) set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America entitled **REINFORCED TISSUE IMPLANTS AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURE AND USE**, identified as Attorney Docket No. 22956-66, which application was filed on December 21, 2000 and assigned Application No. 09/747,489. In the event that the execution date, filing date and/or Application No. are not entered above at the time we execute this document, and if such information is deemed necessary, we hereby authorize and request our attorneys at Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP, One International Place, Boston, MA 02110-2699, to insert above the execution date, filing date and/or Application No. of said application.

Whereas, **Ethicon, Inc.**, a corporation formed under the laws of the State of New Jersey having a place of business at U.S. Route #22, Somerville, New Jersey 08876, and which, together with its successors and assigns, is hereinafter called "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring the title, rights, benefits and privileges hereinafter recited;

Now, therefore, for valuable consideration furnished by Assignee to us, receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, we hereby, without reservation:

1. Assign, transfer and convey to Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and discoveries, said application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, any and all other applications for Letters Patent on said inventions and discoveries in whatsoever countries, including all divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation, reissue and Convention applications based in whole or in part upon said inventions or discoveries, or upon said applications, and any and all Letters Patent, reissues, reexaminations, and extensions of Letters Patent granted for said inventions and discoveries or upon said applications, and every priority right that is or may be predicated upon or arise from said inventions, said discoveries, said applications and said Letters Patent;

2. Authorize Assignee to file patent applications in any or all countries on any or all of said inventions and discoveries in our name or in the name of Assignee or otherwise as Assignee may deem advisable, under the International Convention or otherwise;

3. Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America and the empowered officials of all other governments to issue or transfer all said Letters Patent to Assignee, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein or otherwise as Assignee may direct;

4. Warrant that we have not knowingly conveyed to others any right in said inventions, discoveries, applications or patents or any license to use the same or to make, use or sell anything embodying or utilizing any of said inventions or discoveries; and that we have good right to assign the same to Assignee without encumbrance;

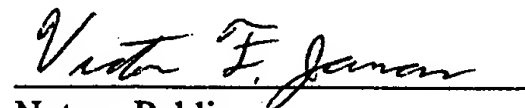
5. Bind our heirs, legal representatives and assigns, as well as us, to do, upon Assignee's request and at Assignee's expense, but without additional consideration to us or them, all acts reasonably serving to assure that the said inventions and discoveries, the said patent applications and the said Letters Patent shall be held and enjoyed by Assignee as fully and entirely as the same could have been held and enjoyed by us, our heirs, legal representatives and assigns if this assignment had not been made; and particularly to execute and deliver to Assignee all lawful application documents including petitions, specifications, and oaths, and all assignments, disclaimers, and lawful affidavits in form and substance as may be requested by Assignee; to communicate to Assignee all facts known to us relating to said inventions and discoveries or the history thereof; and to furnish Assignee with any and all documents, photographs, models, samples and other physical exhibits in our control or in the control of our heirs, legal representatives or assigns which may be useful for establishing the facts of our conceptions, disclosures, and reduction to practice of said inventions and discoveries.

In testimony of which I have executed this Assignment as an instrument under seal on the dates indicated next to my name.

Dated: 4/10/01


Mora C. Melican

On this 10th day of April, 2001, before me appeared Mora C. Melican to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he/she acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.


Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

[seal]

VICTOR F. JANAS
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
Commission Expires 12/28/2005

In testimony of which I have executed this Assignment as an instrument under seal on the dates indicated next to my name.

Dated: 04/10/01

Yufu Li
Yufu Li

On this 10th day of April, 2001, before me appeared Yufu Li to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he/she acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.

Victor F. Janas
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

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In testimony of which I have executed this Assignment as an instrument under seal on the dates indicated next to my name.

Dated: 4/10/1

Kelly R. Brown
Kelly R. Brown

On this 10th day of April, 2001, before me appeared Kelly R. Brown to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he/she acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.


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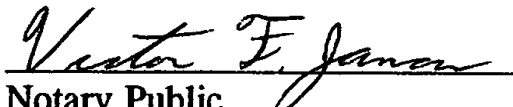
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Dated: 4/10/01


Iksoo Chun

On this 10th day of April, 2001, before me appeared Iksoo Chun to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he/she acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.


Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

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In testimony of which I have executed this Assignment as an instrument under seal on the dates indicated next to my name.

Dated: 4/20/01


John McAllen III

On this 20 day of April, 2001, before me appeared John McAllen III to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he/she acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.


Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

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Vickey M. Johnston
Notary Public, Union County NJ
My Commission Expires January 13, 2005

In testimony of which I have executed this Assignment as an instrument under seal on the dates indicated next to my name.

Dated: April 10/01

A. Rezania
Alireza Rezania

On this 10th day of April, 2001, before me appeared Alireza Rexania to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he/she acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.

Victor F. Janas
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

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In testimony of which I have executed this Assignment as an instrument under seal on the dates indicated next to my name.

Dated: 4/16/01

Angelo G. Scopelianos
Angelo G. Scopelianos

On this 10th day of April, 2001, before me appeared Angelo G. Scopelianos to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he/she acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.

Victor F. Janas
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

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VICTOR F. JANAS
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
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In testimony of which I have executed this Assignment as an instrument under seal on the dates indicated next to my name.

Dated: 4/10/01

Murty N. Vyakarnam
Murty N. Vyakarnam

On this 10th day of April, 2001, before me appeared Murty N. Vyakarnam to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he/she acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.

Victor F. Janas
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Dated: August 7, 2001

Signature:

(William C. Geary, III)

Docket No.: 022956-0066
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Mora C. Melican, et al.

Application No.: 09/747,489-8273

Group Art Unit: 3738

Filed: December 21, 2000

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: REINFORCED TISSUE IMPLANTS AND
METHODS OF MANUFACTURE AND USE

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED RECORDED ASSIGNMENT

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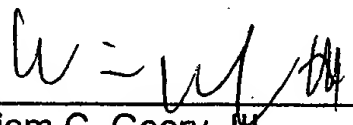
Assignor should read: **BROWN, KELLY R.** not BROWN, KELL R.

Assignor should read: **MCALLEN, JOHN, III** not MCALLEN, JOHN II

Applicant additionally requests that all pertinent U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records relating to the subject application be changed to reflect this correction.

Dated: August 7, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

By 
William C. Geary, III

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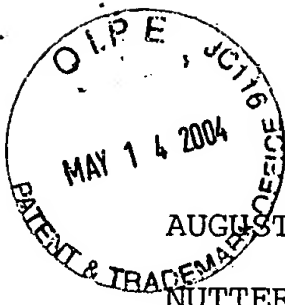
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DOC DATE: 04/09/2001

ASSIGNOR:
BRUKER, IZI

DOC DATE: 04/09/2001

ASSIGNOR:
REZANIA, ALIREZA

DOC DATE: 05/05/2001

ASSIGNEE:
ETHICON, INC.
U.S. ROUTE 22
SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY 08876

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PEARLENE FOSTER, EXAMINER
ASSIGNMENT DIVISION
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ASSIGNMENT

Whereas we, the undersigned, **Steven M. Bowman, Izi Bruker, and Alireza Rezania**, hereby have made certain inventions or discoveries (or both) set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America entitled, **REINFORCED FOAM IMPLANTS WITH ENHANCED INTEGRITY FOR SOFT TISSUE REPAIR AND REGENERATION**, identified as Attorney Docket No. **22956-67**, and Client Case No. **MIT-221**, which application was filed on **December 21, 2000**, and assigned Application No. **09/747,488**. In the event that the filing date and Application No. are not entered above at the time I execute this document, and if such information is deemed necessary, I hereby authorize and request my attorneys at Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP, One International Place, Boston, Ma 02110-2699, to insert above the Filing Date and Application No. of said application.

Whereas, **Ethicon, Inc.**, a corporation formed under the laws of the State of New Jersey having a place of business at **U.S. Route 22, Somerville, New Jersey 08876**, and which, together with its successors and assigns, is hereinafter called "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring the title, rights, benefits and privileges hereinafter recited;

Now, therefore, for one dollar and other valuable consideration furnished by Assignee to us, receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, we hereby, without reservation:

1. Assign, transfer and convey to Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and discoveries, said application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, any and all other applications for Letters Patent on said inventions and discoveries in whatsoever countries, including all divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation, reissue and Convention applications based in whole or in part upon said inventions or discoveries, or upon said applications, and any and all Letters Patent, reissues, reexaminations, and extensions of Letters Patent granted for said inventions and discoveries or upon said applications, and every priority right that is or may be predicated upon or arise from said inventions, said discoveries, said applications and said Letters Patent;

2. Authorize Assignee to file patent applications in any or all countries on any or all of said inventions and discoveries in our names or in the name of Assignee or otherwise as Assignee may deem advisable, under the International Convention or otherwise;

3. Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America and the empowered officials of all other governments to issue or transfer all said Letters Patent to Assignee, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein or otherwise as Assignee may direct;

4. Warrant that we have not knowingly conveyed to others any right in said inventions, discoveries, applications or patents or any license to use the same or to make, use or sell anything embodying or utilizing any of said inventions or discoveries; and that we have good right to assign the same to Assignee without encumbrance;

them, all acts reasonably serving to assure that the said inventions and discoveries, the said patent applications and the said Letters Patent shall be held and enjoyed by Assignee as fully and entirely as the same could have been held and enjoyed by me, my heirs, legal representatives and assigns if this assignment had not been made; and particularly to execute and deliver to Assignee all lawful application documents including petitions, specifications, and oaths, and all assignments, disclaimers, and lawful affidavits in form and substance as may be requested by Assignee; to communicate to Assignee all facts known to us relating to said inventions and discoveries or the history thereof; and to furnish Assignee with any and all documents, photographs, models, samples and other physical exhibits in our control or in the control of my heirs, legal representatives or assigns which may be useful for establishing the facts of my conceptions, disclosures, and reduction to practice of said inventions and discoveries.

In testimony of which I have executed this Assignment as an instrument under seal on the date indicated next to my name.

Dated: 4/9/01

Steven M. Bowman
Steven M. Bowman

On this 9th day of April, 2001, before me appeared **Steven M. Bowman**, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires: September 23, 2005 [seal]

In testimony of which I have executed this Assignment as an instrument under seal on the date indicated next to my name.

Dated: 4/9/01

Izi Bruker
Izi Bruker

On this 9th day of April, 2001, before me appeared **Izi Bruker**, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires: September 23, 2005 [seal]

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____ [seal]

In testimony of which I have executed this Assignment as an instrument under seal on the date indicated next to my name.

Dated: May 15, 2001

A. Rezania
Alireza Rezania

On this 15 day of May, 2001, before me appeared **Alireza Rezania**, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Victor F. Janas
Notary Public

My commission expires: 12/28/2005 [seal]

VICTOR F. JANAS
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
Commission Expires 12/28/2005

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ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION

THIS ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION (this "Assignment") is made effective as of the 29th day of December, 2003 (the "Effective Date") by and between Ethicon, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey (hereinafter "Ethicon"), and DePuy Mitek, Inc. (formerly Innovasive Devices, Inc.), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts (hereinafter "DMI").

WHEREAS, Ethicon is desirous of transferring to DMI all of the assets and liabilities of Ethicon's Mitek Worldwide Division (the "Division"), and DMI is desirous of accepting such assets and assuming such liabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and undertakings set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Ethicon does hereby grant, assign, convey, transfer, set over and confirm, unto DMI, its successors and assigns, forever, all the businesses, franchises, properties, and assets of every nature and description, tangible and intangible, wherever located, on the books and records of Ethicon with respect to the Division immediately prior to the Effective Date (the "Properties"), the same to include, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, those assets that are more particularly described as follows, to the extent relating to the Division:

(i) All inventories, materials, supplies, furniture, machinery, equipment, automobiles, trucks and other tangible personal property, goods and chattels, wherever located;

(ii) All right, title, and interest in, to and under all contracts, including leases (except that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute the assignment of any claim against the United States of America or of any contract that is not assignable without the consent of the other party or parties thereto unless and until such consent shall have been obtained);

(iii) All right, title and interest in, to and under cash (whether on hand or in banks), notes, bonds, inventions, improvements, patents and patent applications, trademarks, copyrights, domain names, discoveries, know-how, data, accounts and bills receivable, books of account, records, agreements, licenses, claims, demands, judgments, equities and choses in action, and all other intangible property of every nature and description; and

(iv) All right, title and interest in, to and under any real estate, and any improvements and appurtenances thereon or thereto, as well as all rights and obligations appertaining thereto.

2. Ethicon hereby constitutes and appoints DMI, its successors and assigns, the true and lawful attorney or attorneys of Ethicon, with full power of substitution, for Ethicon and in its name and stead or otherwise, but on behalf and for the benefit of DMI, its successors and assigns, to demand and receive from time to time any and all the Properties hereby assigned, transferred and conveyed, and to give receipts and releases for and in respect of the same and any part thereof, and from time to time to institute and prosecute in the name of Ethicon or otherwise, but at the expense and for the benefit of DMI, its successors and assigns, any and all proceedings at law, in equity or otherwise that DMI, its successors or assigns, may deem proper in order to collect, assert or enforce any claim, right or title of any kind in or to the Properties hereby assigned, transferred and conveyed,

and to defend or compromise any and all actions, suits or proceedings in respect of any of said Properties and to do all such acts and things in relation thereto as DMI, its successors, or assigns shall deem desirable; Ethicon hereby declaring that the appointment hereby made and the powers hereby granted are coupled with an interest and are and shall be irrevocable by Ethicon in any manner or from any reason.

3. Ethicon, for itself and its successors and assigns, hereby covenants and agrees with DMI and its successors and assigns, that Ethicon and its successors and assigns will do, execute and deliver, or will cause to be done, executed and delivered, all such further acts, transfers, assignments and conveyances, powers of attorney, and assurances, for the better assuring, assigning, conveying, transferring and confirming unto DMI, its successors and assigns, all and singular the Properties hereby assigned, transferred and conveyed, as DMI or its successors or assigns shall reasonably require.

4. For the consideration aforesaid, and in consideration of the assignment, transfer and conveyance to it of the Properties, DMI hereby assumes, and agrees to pay, perform or discharge when due, as the case may be, all the indebtedness, liabilities and obligations of every kind and description, to the extent associated with the Properties or otherwise pertaining to the Division. DMI hereby covenants and agrees with Ethicon that DMI will forever indemnify and save harmless Ethicon against all the indebtedness, liabilities and obligations aforesaid hereby assumed and agreed to be paid, performed or discharged, as the case may be, by DMI and to assume and complete all pending contracts of Ethicon to the extent relating to the Division or allocated on Ethicon's books or records to the Division immediately prior to the Effective Time, and to indemnify and save harmless Ethicon and its officers, directors and stockholders from any liability under any such indebtedness, liabilities and obligations.

5. This Assignment and the covenants and agreements herein contained shall inure to the benefit of and shall bind the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Assignment to be executed in their respective corporate names as of the 29th day of December, 2003.

ETHICON, INC.

By: [Signature]
Name: K. O'Brien
Title: Worldwide Vice President, Finance

Attest: [Signature]
R. E. Skula, Assistant Secretary

DEPUY MITEK, INC.

By: [Signature]
Name: H. Zauberman
Title: Vice President

Attest: [Signature]
S. M. Rosenberg, Clerk